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Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449, including copies of the references listed therein. Where available, English language abstracts and/or counterparts are being provided for Examiner's convenience. These references were cited in the Korean Office Action of the corresponding Korean Patent application. A copy of the Korean Office Action, together with an English translation of the relevant portions thereof is also enclosed. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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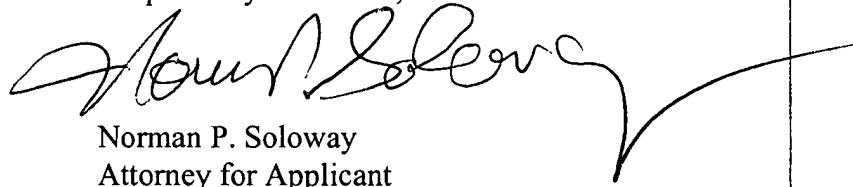
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing references. Moreover, should the Examiner deem it necessary, he is requested to withdraw the Notice of Allowance, and reopen prosecution.

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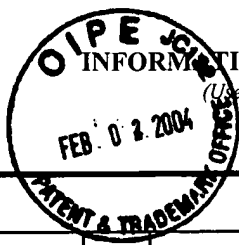
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		09-320960	12.12.97	JAPAN (w/abstract)	H01L	21/027		
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